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POLICING & POLICY

New Iowa Law Will Help Families Of Fallen Officers, Firefighters

The AP (7/4) reports, "A new Iowa law will set aside part of the state's lottery revenues to help the families of firefighters and law enforcement officers keep insurance after their deaths." The law "that took effect earlier this week will allow the Iowa Lottery to provide $100,000 to a new Public Safety Survivor Benefits Fund. It will provide money to organizations assisting the families of firefighters and law enforcement officers who die on duty by helping cover their health or accident insurance costs. 'This will help with a significant real-world concern for the families in these tragic circumstances,' Iowa Department of Public Safety Commissioner Stephan Bayens said in statement."

Vermont State Police: Traffic Fatalities Down So Far In 2019

The AP (7/4) reports, "Vermont State Police say traffic fatalities are down so far this year." According to the AP, "11 people have died in traffic accidents in Vermont through the first half of 2019," compared to "27 people in that same time period in 2018." Vermont "saw 44 deaths in 2014, which was a 50-year low at the time." Vermont State Police Trooper Adam Marchand "says traffic always picks up around the holidays," and "police say cracking down on impaired driving and speeding is a big focus for them particularly on July 4."

Report: UK Needs Policing Reforms

The Daily Mail (UK) (7/4) reports that a new report has found that "Britain's police are at breaking point as they struggle to cope with a 10-year-high murder rate, a surge in crime and a raft of budget cuts." According to the Daily Mail, "Chief inspector of constabulary Sir Thomas Winsor said public safety is at risk unless 'profound and far-reaching' police reforms are urgently introduced." The Daily Mail adds, "In his annual assessment of policing in England and Wales, Sir Thomas said if changes are not made, forces 'face unacceptable compromises in quality of service levels of public safety'." Winsor "called on police chiefs and politicians to make 'bold and long-term decisions' to improve policing," and he "highlighted a 19 per cent drop in police funding since 2010/11, with £12.3billion handed to forces this year."

BBC News Online (UK) (7/4) reports, "His proposals to improve policing included 'considerable investment in technology to keep up with and get ahead of emerging online offending'."

Virginia Governor Unveils Gun-Control Measures For Legislative Session Next Week

The Washington Post (7/3, Schneider) reports Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) on Wednesday "announced the gun-control policies that he will work with legislators to propose in next week's special General Assembly session , including universal background checks; a ban on assault weapons, bump stocks and high-capacity magazines; and limiting handgun purchases to one per month." According to the Post, "Republicans who control both houses of the General Assembly have charged that Northam is playing politics with the tragedy, with an eye on elections this fall for all 140 seats in the legislature." Republican leaders have

"bristled at the idea that Northam would dictate the way the legislature handles bills, and vowed to propose alternative measures to stiffen penalties for gun crime violations and address mental health issues that contribute to gun violence."

Three Canadian Cities Implementing "Hub" Policing

Vice (7/4, Munn) reports, "Three of Canada's biggest cities are going all in on their adoption of a controversial policing model that partners cops with doctors, teachers, social workers and others to monitor residents for signs of 'risk' and to stage interventions before crime or harm occurs." According to Vice, "Toronto, Edmonton, and Ottawa are all in the process of expanding or implementing the 'Hub' model of policing across their municipalities." Vice adds, "Previously, pilot projects of the model in major cities had only been rolled out in select neighborhoods." More than 100 Hubs (also known as Situation Tables) "are currently active across Canada, but Ottawa, with a population of nearly 1 million, is the first major city to fully adopt the model." According to Vice, "Many social services professionals believe the Hub approach is useful for helping vulnerable people," but "privacy experts have criticized the model because it requires police and partners to share people's sensitive personal information, often without consent, to decide if a person needs an intervention."

Portland, Oregon Police Chief Calls For Anti-Mask Law After Violent Protests

CNN (7/4, Sanchez) reports that the Portland, Oregon police chief "is calling for legislation banning masks worn by demonstrators after violent street clashes between rival protesters last weekend left eight people injured. 'In other states, you'll see that it's illegal to wear a mask during the commission of a crime,' Police Bureau Chief Danielle Outlaw told reporters Wednesday, according to CNN affiliate KOIN. 'I understand and we wholeheartedly support individuals' first amendment right to free speech, but we cannot allow ... people to use the guise of free speech to commit crimes.'" Outlaw "was referring to violent demonstrations that erupted Saturday, when, she said, masks worn by some protesters hindered officers' ability to identify suspects."

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Baltimore Police Announces 64 Arrests In Three-Day Operation With FBI, DHS

WJZ-TV Baltimore (7/4) reports, "Baltimore police announced the arrest of 64 people Thursday morning – including two arrests in a double murder this week." Donyell Morris, 18, and Charles Anderson, 17, "were arrested and charged with Tuesday's double murder on Bloomingdale Road in West Baltimore where a man and a woman were shot and killed." These arrests "were announced with 62 others as part of a 3-day warrant initiative with eight other state and federal agencies including the FBI and Homeland Security." According to WJZ-TV, "Of those arrests, 27 were for assault charges." Baltimore Police Commissioner Michael Harrison "praised his relationships with those state and federal partners. 'As a result of this operation, we made 64 arrests for a wide range of serious crimes including homicide, assault, burglary, robbery, and carjacking. So, the city is safer with

these violent criminals off our streets,'" Harrison said.

The Baltimore Sun (7/4, Kim) reports, "The task force partnered with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to locate violent offenders with arrest warrants. In addition to the 64 arrests, 23 open warrants were cleared, meaning 'several of the people arrested had multiple open warrants that were satisfied by the single arrest,' Detective Donny Moses said."

Report: Children As Young As Seven Used By UK "County Lines" Drug Gangs

The Independent (UK) (7/4, Dearden) reports, "Children as young as seven are being exploited by brutal 'county lines' drug dealers in the UK, a new report warns." According to the Independent, "Research by the Children's Society found 'alarming evidence' of primary school children being targeted by gangs who traffic drugs from urban to rural areas." Police "have previously found children as young as 10 linked to the 2,000 drug-dealing county lines estimated to be operating in the UK, but a new report found younger victims may be overlooked because they are below the age of criminal responsibility." The children "are being forced or coerced into moving drugs across the country, they work in cannabis factories, shoplift, pickpocket or act as enforcers, according to the report 'Children are being cynically exploited with the promise of money, drugs, status and affection,' said Nick Roseveare, CEO of the Children's Society. 'They are then controlled using threats, violence and sexual abuse, leaving them traumatised and living in fear.'"

TECHNOLOGY

UK Law Enforcement Faces Calls To Stop Using Facial-Recognition Software

The Guardian (UK) (7/3, Booth) reports, "Police are facing calls to halt the use of facial recognition software to search for suspected criminals in public." The calls come after researchers from the University of Essex "found matches were only correct in a fifth of cases and the system was likely to break human rights laws." In addition to finding that "the system regularly misidentified people who were then wrongly stopped," the academics "warned of 'surveillance creep,' with the technology being used to find people who were not wanted by the courts."

GLOBAL SECURITY

Australian Police Say Man Said He Was ISIS Commander

The Guardian (UK) (7/4) reports, "The self-declared commander of Islamic State in Australia was a teenager when he began telling his followers 'we are terrorists', sought out guns and explosives and tried to set up a stronghold in the Blue Mountains, police allege." Isaac El Matari, 20, "was one of three men arrested in Sydney this week during counter-terrorism raids." Matari "was charged on Wednesday with being an Isis member, planning a terrorist attack and preparing for a hostile incursion into a foreign country." Matari "was allegedly planning on travelling to Khorasan province – an Isis stronghold in Afghanistan," and "his preparations allegedly included obtaining an Australian passport and visiting the Pakistani consulate to obtain a visa, police allege."

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